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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
2. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
3. Enclosed is/are
 - Amendment (including transmittal)/Reply.
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
 - PTO-1449
 - Copies of IDS Citations
 - Other (identify):

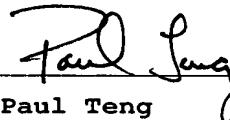
4. Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.
 - A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.
 - A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
5. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).
 Other fees (identify): any other required fees.

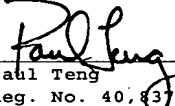
7. Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.

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